Supply of drinking water from Mahadayi River to Hubli-Dharwad districts

4090. DR. M. A. M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has been requesting the Central Government to allow it to divest 7.5 tmcft of water from the Mahadayi river to the Malaprabha Reservior so that the drinking water problem of Hubli-Dharwad districts is resolved; and

(b) if so, Central Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka in April, 2002 requested for clearance of proposal from inter-State angle for diversion of 7.56 TMC of water from Mahadayi basin to Malaprabha basin through implementation of Kalsa and Bandurinalla schemes to meet the drinking water needs of Hubli/Dharwad cities. The Ministry of Water Resources gave an 'in principle' clearance to the proposal to meet the drinking water need of Hubli/Dharwad from water availability angle on 30th April, 2002. The Government of Goa in July, 2002 took strong exception to the grant of this clearance by the Ministry and requested for setting up of an Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 for resolution of the dispute. In view of this, the 'in-principle' clearance granted by the Ministry was placed 'in abeyance' in September, 2002 with a view to resolve the matter by an agreement between the two States, failing which by an award of the Tribunal. The two States have so far not concluded any agreement on the sharing of Mahadayi Water.

Proposal for hydrological information

4091. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Hydrological Information System as on today;

(b) if so, the details of projects associated to the above system and the States identified to the above project as on today;

(c) if so, the details of grant allotted to beneficiary States, State-wise, as on today;